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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Arata TOMITA
PNEUMATIC TIRE
Assignee: **BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION**
Our Reference: Q64221

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/042,642 filed March 17, 1998, of Arata TOMITA entitled PNEUMATIC TIRE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, eight (8) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-9), and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1733.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a divisional of Application No. 09/042,642 filed March 17, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Priority is claimed from March 18, 1997, based on Japanese Application No. 9-64928. The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/042,642.

Cancel claims: 1-6, 8, 12-14, and 16-17

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

Assignment for published patent application is: **BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION**.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	7 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
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A check for the statutory fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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